

Republic of Chad

Safety Nets Project

**Environmental and Social Management Framework
(ESMF)**

Executive Summary of Final Report
English Version

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

The Project development objective of the Project is to pilot cash transfers and cash-for-work interventions to the poor and lay the foundations of an adaptive safety nets system. This system will be tested and evaluated in a perspective of scaling.

Project Components

The project includes three (3) components: Component 1 - pilot social safety nets (US\$ 6.5 million) Component 2: Development of the safety net system (US\$ 1.5 million); Component 3: Institutional support, development of project management capacity, monitoring and evaluation, capacity building (US\$ 2 million)

The implementation of some project activities may require the application of operational guidelines for environmental and social protection, namely OP 4.01 on Environmental Assessment. The objective of this assignment is to develop an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), as some activities could have a negative impact on the environment.

The objective of the ESMF

The objective of the ESMF is to determine a process of environmental and social screening that will enable structures responsible for the implementation of the project to have a framework to identify, assess and mitigate potential environmental and social impacts of the planned activities at the planning stage. The ESMF is designed as a sorting mechanism for environmental and social impacts of investments and activities that are unknown before project evaluation. In addition, the ESMF sets the framework for managing environmental and social impacts as well as institutional arrangements for implementation, monitoring and tracking.

Environmental and social issues for the project mainly concern the preservation of the natural environment and living conditions of the urban and peri-urban.

National environmental legislation

The Chadian National legislation specifies the circumstances and conditions under which it is mandatory to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and specifies that the “regulations determine the content, methodology and procedure for impact studies and the conditions under which these studies are made public and the ways in which the Minister for Environment shall notify or be notified for any environmental impact assessment”.

World Bank Safeguard Policies

Because of the environmental and social impacts that may result from the implementation of its activities, the project has triggered one safeguard policy of the World Bank, specifically OP 4.01 on “Environmental Assessment”. The other operational policies of the World Bank are not applicable to this project.

National Legislation on Environment and OP 4.01 converge, including on the classification of projects by category (A, B and C). However, the procedure for this categorization has not been established. Therefore, this ESMF will provide a screening process for the project activities.

Positive environmental and social impacts of the project

The positive environmental and social impacts of the project can be characterized through the impacts overall as well as on urban and sub-urban roads, stormwater drainage structures, sustainable waste

management and street cleaning, fight against erosion on the Chari River, and gender dynamics and improving the status of women.

Negative environmental and social impacts

The negative environmental and social impacts of the project will provide mainly from Component 1 activities relating to road works, construction and cleaning out of storm drains, collection / disposal of garbage and silting of streets.

Environmental and social screening process of the project’s activities

Steps	Responsibilities
1. Preparation of activity (technical dossier for infrastructure implementation)	Environment and Social Expert (ESE/PCU)
2. Completing the form of environmental and social screening and classification 2.1. Form Filling 2.2. Project Classification and Determination of Environmental Work (or simple mitigation measures or ESIA)	Environment and Social Expert (ESE/PCU)
3. Validation of the classification and TORs (possibly)	Environmental Assessment, and Pollution and Nuisance Control Department (DEELCPN)
4. Implementation of environmental work	
4.1 Selection of Consultant	Social and Environment Expert (ESE/PCU)
4.2 Conduct of ESIA/ESMPs	Registered ESIA Consultants
5. Review and Approval of ESIA	DEELCPN
6. Consultation and Dissemination	Steering Committee - PCU- Local Authorities - DEELCPN
7. Inclusion of environmental and social provisions in the tender dossier and scope of work	Environment and Social Expert (ESE/PMU)
8. Implementation – Surveillance and Monitoring • 8.1. Implementation • 8.2. Monitoring & Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation (specialized providers) • Supervision of activities will be provided by the ESE/PCU; • Surveillance (or close monitoring) of works will be provided by control offices; • Monitoring will be conducted by DEELCPN and World Bank staffs; • The evaluation will be carried out by Consultants

Measures to strengthen the environmental and social management of the project

The environmental and social management of the project activities requires measures for institutional and technical strengthening, and also training, information and awareness as well as monitoring and evaluation. The capacity building program will target members of the Steering Committee, Technical Services of the livestock sector, associations of butchers and private veterinarians, associations of civil society, and shall focus on the following topics: national environmental legislation and procedures; World Bank safeguard policies; activity screening and categorization; identification of impacts; choosing appropriate mitigation measures and indicators; monitoring of environmental measures; monitoring hygiene and safety standards, etc.

The overall cost of environmental and social measures planned under the project is estimated at FCFA 195 million to be included into the project costs.

Management and environmental and social monitoring of the project will be provided by the Environmental and Social Expert (SEA/CP) who will be recruited for this purpose. Environmental monitoring of the project activities will be conducted within the framework of the general monitoring system of the program. Surveillance (or tracking area) of the execution of works will be provided by SEA/CP. Monitoring (regulatory control) will be done by central and prefectural services of DEELCPN. Supervision of the activities will be provided by the Safeguards Environmental and Social Experts of the World Bank. The evaluation will be conducted by consultants, at mid-term and end of the project.